

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2022 CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG/BUNDESRAT EXCHANGE

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, since 1983, the U.S. Congress House and Senate and the German Bundestag and Bundesrat have conducted an annual exchange program for staff members from both countries. The program gives professional staff the opportunity to observe and learn about each other's political institutions and engage in discussion regarding mutual interest.

A staff delegation from the U.S. Congress will be selected to visit Germany from Friday, May 27–Sunday, June 5, 2022. During this exchange, the delegation will attend meetings with Bundestag/Bundesrat party staff members, and representatives of numerous political, business, academic and media agencies.

A comparable delegation of German staff members will visit the United States from Saturday, July 9–Monday, July 18, 2022. They will attend similar meetings in Washington organized by the members of the U.S. delegation.

The Congress-Bundestag/Bundesrat Exchange is highly regarded in Germany and the United States and is one of several exchange programs sponsored by public and private institutions in the United States and Germany to foster better understanding of the politics and policies of both countries. This exchange is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The U.S. delegation shall consist of experienced and accomplished Hill staff who can contribute to the success of the exchange on both sides of the Atlantic. The Bundestag reciprocates by sending senior staff professionals to the United States.

Applicants should have a demonstrable interest in events in Europe. Applicants need not be working in the field of foreign affairs, although such a background can be helpful. The composite U.S. delegation should exhibit a range of expertise in issues of mutual concern to the United States and Germany such as, but not limited to, trade, security, the environment, economic development, health care, and other social policy issues. This year's delegation should be familiar with transatlantic relations within the context of recent world events.

Please note that there is a significant time commitment aspect for those selected for the program. In addition, U.S. participants are expected to plan and implement the meetings and programs for the Bundestag/Bundesrat staff members when they visit the United States.

Members of the House and Senate who would like a member of their staff to apply for participation in this year's program should direct them to submit a resume and cover letter

in which they state their qualifications, the contributions they can make to a successful program and some assurances of their ability to participate during the time stated.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all staff selected for the exchange program must be fully vaccinated in order to travel. Proof of vaccination must be submitted with the application.

Applications should be sent to the Office of Interparliamentary Affairs, HC-4, the Capitol, by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Questions may be directed to Ms. Kate Knudson at 202-226-1766 or Ms. Claudia Marconi at 202-226-3441.

HONORING OUTGOING DEARBORN CITY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID BAZZY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. David Bazy on the occasion of his retirement from the City Council of Dearborn, Michigan, where he has honorably served for over ten years. His significant contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Mr. Bazy is a lifelong Dearborn resident and graduated from Edsel Ford High School. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a MBA from Wayne State University. He has served as chairman of the Dearborn Charter Commission and served on the Recreation Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. An active member of the community, he belongs to many organizations and sits on the board of the Dearborn Goodfellows. Mr. Bazy is President and COO of Kenwal Steel, Kenwal Pickling, and Delaco-Kenwal—all based in Dearborn.

Mr. Bazy was first elected to the Dearborn City Council in 2010. His time on the council was focused on ensuring that Dearborn remains a great place to live and work for years to come. Mr. Bazy concentrated on attracting new small businesses and providing support for current Dearborn mainstays, making the economic renewal of the city a top priority. With years of civic involvement under his belt, he has been a strong voice on behalf of his neighbors and a decisive advocate for public safety. Mr. Bazy resides in Dearborn with his wife of over thirty-three years, Cherie, and together they have three sons.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring David Bazy. We are grateful for his time spent serving the citizens of Dearborn as a member of the City Council. I join with his family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in the future.

THE TRANSITION-TO-SUCCESS MENTORING ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, as we mark National Mentoring Month, I am proud to reintroduce legislation to the Transition-To-Success Mentoring Act to help local education agencies prepare at-risk students for the transition from middle school to high school.

I have had many mentors at every stage of my life, whether it was my theatre teacher in school who encouraged me to be who I am and elevated the confidence in myself to pursue sports, or my grandmother who raised me, and who was the reason I find myself following her large footsteps in public service. Mentors are important at every stage in life and especially at a young age. We should help children foster these mentor/mentee relationships to look up to someone bigger than themselves.

The Transition-To-Success Mentoring Act would establish a grant program for school-based mentoring programs targeted at helping at-risk middle school students transition from middle to high school. Under my legislation, participating students would develop and execute a formalized plan for success in high school and beyond, and be supported by a school faculty member or volunteer from the community known as a "Success Coach."

Middle school is a uniquely challenging time for students and ensuring a smooth transition from middle to high school is critical to their long-term success. School-based mentoring is an innovative supplement to the traditional learning that takes place in the classroom, providing underserved and at-risk students with attention and support to keep them engaged in school. This legislation is a small step towards providing some of the most vulnerable students with individual attention to help cross the bridge towards high school, college, and career.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the need for mentors for our children by signing on to this important legislation.

HONORING BROOKE CURTIS AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Lewis Central's 3rd-grade teacher Brooke Curtis as Iowan of the Week.

Inspired by the teachers she had growing up in Griswold, Brooke always wanted to teach. After graduating high school, she attended the University of Iowa and got her

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